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INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT: EVACUATION PLANNING

DEPT FOR WLG AND AF/EX

1. THIS EMBASSY HAS A TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM CALLED CASCADE WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE CHIEF OF MISSION TO NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR WHO IN TURN NOTIFIES AGENCY CHIEFS WHO IN TURN NOTIFY OTHERS TO INSURE THAT A CHIEF OF MISSION-APPROVED MESSAGE IS PASSED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY.

2. IN THE EVENT THAT THE CASCADE SYSTEM CAN NOT BE USED DUE TO FAILURE OF THE TELEPHONE NETWORK, WE HAVE RADIOS LOCATED AT TWELVE INFORMATION CONTROL POINTS TO WHICH ALL AMERICANS HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO APPLY FOR INFORMATION IN A STRESS SITUATION. THE PERSONNEL IN THE INFORMATION CONTROL POINTS WILL BE IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY BASE STATION AND WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO ANYONE.

3. THROUGH ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE ABOVE SYSTEMS, AMERICANS WOULD BE ADVISED BY A PREVIOUSLY PREPARED MESSAGE TO GET TOGETHER THE

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MINIMUM BELONGINGS AND REPAIR TO ASSEMBLY AREAS FOR MUTUAL PRO-

TECTION OR FOR PREPARATION FOR EVACUATION, USING TRANSPORTATION ASSETS OF ALL AGENCIES AND WITH MILITARY ESCORT IF AVAILABLE. WE WOULD PLAN TO MOVE PERSONNEL FROM EACH ASSEMBLY AREA TO BOLE AIRPORT FOR EVACUATION AFTER DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL. ORDER OF PRIORITY IN ACTUAL EVACUATION WOULD BE (1) AMERICAN DEPENDENTS, (2) AMERICAN MEN, (3) BRITISH CITIZENS. AMERICANS TO BE EVACUATED MIGHT REACH 2500 AND BRITISH 1500, ALTHOUGH BRITISH PLAN TO USE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

4. OUR ANALYSIS OF POSSIBILITIES OF EVACUATION BY LAND TO MASSAWA, ASSAB, DJIBOUTI OR POINTS SOUTH WITHIN THE EMPIRE OF ETHIOPIA OR KENYA CONVINCES US THAT SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL FOR MANY REASONS. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT, IF EVACUATION IS POSSIBLE, THE ONLY PRACTICAL ROUTE WOULD BE AIR SHUTTLE BETWEEN ADDIS ABABA AND NAIROBI, CAIRO, OR THE SEYCHELLES. WE CONSIDER NAIROBI BY FAR THE BEST SOLUTION. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PERSONNEL AT EMBASSY NAIROBI WE HAVE OBTAINED LISTS OF HOTELS AND APARTMENT HOTELS WHICH INDICATE THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH ROOMS IN HOTELS AND APARTMENT HOTELS AVAILABLE FOR ALL POTENTIAL EVACUEES. FURTHER, IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN EXECUTIVE OF ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES, WE ARE ASSURED OF A MINIMUM OF TWO 707'S FOR A SHUTTLE BETWEEN ADDIS ABABA AND NAIROBI ON AN AROUND THE CLOCK BASIS, WITH EAL MANNING THE TOWER AT BOLE AIRPORT IF CIVIL AVIATION PERSONNEL ARE NOT AVAILABLE. THIS ASSUMES PERMISSION FOR USE OF AIRPORT IS OBTAINABLE. IF EAL ASSETS UNAVAILABLE, WE ASSUME THAT MAC AIRCRAFT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE ON IMMEDIATE NOTICE.

5. IF EVACUATION IS EXECUTED, WE WILL SEND IN FIRST PLANE ONE CONSULAR OFFICER, ONE GSO, AND ONE C&R ASSISTANT ON TDY TO NAIROBI TO ASSIST THE EMBASSY IN PROCESSING AMERICAN COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND TO ASSIST THE EMBASSY THERE IN HANDLING INCREASED COMMUNICATIONS LOAD. WE WOULD, AT THE SAME TIME, REQUEST THAT QUOTE MINIMIZE UNQUOTE BE IMPOSED HERE. WE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD ON THE EMBASSY AT THE SAFE HAVEN POINT.

6. WE REQUEST THAT THE WASHINGTON LIAISON GROUP AND THE BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS NOTE THESE PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS AND REPLY WHETHER CHANGES ARE DESIRED. WE ALSO REQUEST SPECIFIC APPROVAL OF NAIROBI AS SAFE HAVEN IF EVACUATION IS ORDERED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

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